



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2022-0030; OMB No. 1660-0070]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; National Fire Department Registry

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 30-day notice of revision and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance in accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The submission seeks comments concerning the use of a form to collect data for the development and continuation of the National Fire Department Registry.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be made to Director, Information Management Division, 500 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20472, e-mail address FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@fema.dhs.gov or Gayle Kelch, Statistician,

FEMA, United States Fire Administration, National Fire Data Center at (301) 447-1154 or *gayle.kelch@fema.dhs.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, Pub. L. 93-498, as enacted in 15 U.S.C. Chap 49, provides for the gathering and analyzing of data as deemed useful and applicable for fire departments. The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) receives many requests from fire service organizations and the general public for information related to fire departments, including total number of departments, number of stations per department, population protected, and number of firefighters. The USFA also has a need for this information to guide programmatic decisions and produce mailing lists for USFA publications. Recommendations for the creation of the fire department census database came out of a Blue Ribbon Panel's review of the USFA. The report included a review of the structure, mission, and funding of the USFA, future policies, programmatic needs, course development and delivery, and the role of the USFA to reflect changes in the fire service. As a result of those recommendations, the USFA is working to identify all fire departments in the United States to develop a database that will include information related to demographics, capabilities, and activities of fire departments Nationwide. In the fall of 2016, the USFA renamed the census to the National Fire Department Registry. In the fall of 2001, information was collected from 16,000 fire departments. Since the first year of the collection, an additional 11,182 departments have registered for a total of 27,182 fire departments. This leaves an estimated 2,818 departments still to respond. Additionally, about 5,436 current registered departments are contacted by USFA each year and are asked to provide updates to any previously submitted information.

This proposed information collection previously published in the Federal Register on October 13, 2022, at 87 FR 15228 with a 60 day public comment period. No comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to notify the public that FEMA

will submit the information collection abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget for review and clearance.

Collection of Information

Title: National Fire Department Registry.

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

OMB Number: 1660-0070.

FEMA Forms: FEMA Form FF-USFA-FY-21-100 – Paper Version (formerly 070-0-0-1); FEMA Form FF-USFA-FY-21-110 – Online Version (formerly the screenshots of FEMA Form 070-0-0-1).

Abstract: This collection seeks to identify fire departments in the United States to compile a database related to their demographics, capabilities, and activities. The database is used to guide programmatic decisions and provide information to the public and the fire service.

Affected Public: State, local or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,375.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,219.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost: \$9,371.

Estimated Respondents' Operation and Maintenance Costs: \$0.

Estimated Respondents' Capital and Start-Up Costs: \$0.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Federal Government: \$100,058.

Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** caption above. Comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have

practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Millicent Brown Wilson,

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